

Bracewell Promotes 8 In Texas, Washington, And DC

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Law360 (December 20, 2022, 2:56 PM EST) -- Bracewell LLP has elected seven new partners and elevated a non-attorney employee to senior principal at two of its Texas locations and in Seattle, Washington, and Washington, D.C.

The promotions, effective Jan. 1, involve a range of practice areas, including finance, energy regulatory, corporate and securities, infrastructure development, public finance, policy resolution and litigation, the firm said in a statement Monday. The newly elected partners include Andrew C. J. Bueso, Summer B. Greathouse, Tyler S. Johnson, Kate Barrington McGregor, Laura D. Sheldon, Drew Taggart and Christine G. Wyman. The newly promoted senior principal is Caitlin Sickles.

"I am thrilled to congratulate these outstanding professionals on their promotions," managing partner Gregory M. Bopp said in a statement. "Their commitment to excellence and collaboration allow us to serve as our clients' firm of choice for complex litigation, regulatory and transactional matters."

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Name	Location	Practice Area	Title
Andrew C.J. Bueso	Houston	Finance	Partner
Kate Barrington McGregor	Houston	Corporate and Securities	Partner
Drew Taggart	Houston	Litigation	Partner
Summer B. Greathouse	San Antonio	Public Finance	Partner
Tyler S. Johnson	Seattle	Energy Regulatory	Partner
Laura D. Sheldon	Washington, D.C.	Infrastructure Development	Partner
Caitlin Sickles	Washington, D.C.	Policy Resolution	Senior Principal
Christine G. Wyman	Washington, D.C.	Policy Resolution	Partner

Andrew C. J. Bueso has been an associate at Bracewell's Houston office for more than eight years and has been promoted to partner in the firm's finance practice, according to his LinkedIn profile and a statement from the firm. He represents lenders and borrowers in a range of secured and unsecured credit transactions, the firm said.

"My colleagues at Bracewell have supported me throughout my legal career, both personally and

professionally, and they have helped me build a strong foundation for my practice," Bueso told Law360 Pulse in an email. "To have the partners at Bracewell, who have taught me so much over the years, express their confidence in me in this way is exciting. I look forward to building up my practice here at Bracewell and developing long-lasting client relationships."

Bueso earned his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver.

Summer B. Greathouse has been an associate at the firm's San Antonio office for four years and has been promoted to partner in the public finance practice, according to her LinkedIn profile and the firm. She focuses on tax-exempt financings, tax credits and government contracts at all levels.

Greathouse earned her law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law, where she was valedictorian, and a bachelor's degree from Trinity University.

Tyler S. Johnson, based in Seattle, has been with the firm for more than 12 years, according to his LinkedIn profile, and has been promoted to partner from senior counsel in the energy regulatory practice. Johnson advises clients, including energy companies, on regulatory matters and in offshore wind development and permitting, the firm said.

"Bracewell is a great firm in which to grow as an attorney, and the firm's support over the years has been tremendous," Johnson said in an email to Law360 Pulse. "I'm thrilled to be joining the partnership."

Johnson earned his law degree from American University, Washington College of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University.

Kate Barrington McGregor has been an associate in the firm's Houston office for more than eight years, according to her LinkedIn profile. She has been promoted to partner in the corporate and securities practice and advises clients on mergers and acquisitions and joint venture transactions in the energy and infrastructure sectors, the firm said.

"At Bracewell, a tremendous amount of time and energy goes into supporting every associate and giving them the opportunity to succeed," McGregor said in an email. "I'm honored to join the partnership and look forward to continuing the firm's traditions of providing high-quality client service and attracting and retaining top legal talent."

McGregor earned her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia.

Laura D. Sheldon has been promoted to partner after more than two years as an associate in the infrastructure development practice in Bracewell's Washington, D.C., location, according to her LinkedIn profile. She advises clients on cross-border transactions, including in the sale and purchase of renewable assets and development of energy projects, the firm said.

Sheldon earned her law degree from the George Washington University School of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from George Washington University.

Drew Taggart has been promoted to partner after serving as an associate in the firm's Houston office for more than seven years, according to his LinkedIn profile. He is a commercial litigation attorney with trial and arbitration experience in matters touching on oil and gas, intellectual property, construction, environmental and securities, the firm said.

"Having spent my whole career at Bracewell, it is an honor and a joy to join the outstanding partnership," Taggart said in an email. "Our firm's legal excellence is unquestioned, but Bracewell's culture is the reason I love going to work every day. That's rare in this industry, and I'm thrilled to continue building my practice at Bracewell."

Taggart earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law and a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi.

Based in the firm's Washington, D.C., location, Christine G. Wyman has been promoted to partner in the policy resolution group after serving as a senior counsel for over five years, according to her LinkedIn profile. She assists clients in the development of policy strategies and their implementation via participation in the legislative and regulatory process, the firm said.

"I'm honored and privileged to join the Bracewell partnership and work alongside talented, collaborative, and supportive colleagues," Wyman said in an email.

Wyman earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, holds a master's in environmental management from Duke University and has a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina.

Caitlin Sickles, a non-attorney who has been with Bracewell for more than 13 years, has been promoted from principal to senior principal in the firm's policy resolution group and is based in Washington, D.C., according to her LinkedIn profile. She works with large corporations, industry associations and nonprofit organizations on branding and positioning, message development and delivery, media relations, reputation management and crisis communications, the firm said.

"One of the best things about Bracewell is the firm's commitment to bringing creative vision to solving client challenges," Sickles said in an email. "It takes a unique law firm to encourage expansion into strategic communications and digital services. I'm thrilled to be taking on this new role as part of a multi-faceted team, and I am looking forward to the future."

Sickles holds a master's degree in communications from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in public relations and political science from Marquette University.

Bracewell's ranks have also grown this year with five lateral partner hires.

In Washington, D.C., Annie Cook and Catherine Little both came aboard in the energy regulatory practice while Charles R. Mills joined the government enforcement and investigations group there, the firm said. Jeffrey E. Danley joined the intellectual property practice and is based in Seattle, while Houston-based partner John P. Zabaneh was added to the energy and infrastructure team, the firm said.

Bracewell is a law and government relations law firm focused on serving the energy, infrastructure,

finance and technology industries, the firm said. Bracewell has offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio in Texas, as well as locations in Connecticut, New York, Washington and Washington, D.C., in the U.S. and in London and Dubai, according to the firm's website.

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